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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A cutting device, comprising:

(a) a rotatable base;

(b) said base defining a plurality of closed-sided, tooth sockets, each closed-sided tooth socket comprising a bottom and plurality of adjacent raised sides;

(c) a plurality of tooth assemblies mounted within respective sockets, each tooth assembly comprising a tooth holder having a base-engaging portion adapted to fit into said socket, and a cutting tip projecting from said rotatable base for engaging and cutting an object, said tooth holder having a base-engaging portion adapted to fit closely adjacent each of the raised sides of said closed-sided tooth socket, such that the raised sides cooperate to secure said tooth assembly and provide resistance during rotation of said cutting device.

2. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 1, wherein said tooth socket defines a recessed box comprising a generally flat bottom and four upright raised sides.

3. (original) A cutting device according to claim 2, wherein the base-engaging portion of said tooth holder resides closely adjacent all four sides of said socket.

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4. (original) A cutting device according to claim 3, wherein said recessed box is substantially rectangular.

5. (original) A cutting device according to claim 4, wherein said recessed box has a length dimension and a width dimension, said length dimension being greater than 2 times said width dimension.

6. (original) A cutting device according to claim 5, wherein the depth of said tooth socket is greater than 1/16 inches.

7. (original) A cutting device according to claim 1, wherein said cutting tip, tooth holder, and socket define respective axially-aligned openings adapted for receiving an elongated fastener for securing said cutting tip and tooth holder to said rotatable base.

8. (currently amended) A cutting device, comprising:

- (a) a rotatable disk having first and second opposing major surfaces;
- (b) said disk defining a plurality of closed-sided, tooth sockets formed with each of said first and second major surfaces, each closed-sided tooth socket comprising a bottom and plurality of adjacent raised sides;

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(c) a plurality of tooth assemblies mounted within respective sockets, each tooth assembly comprising a tooth holder having a base-engaging portion adapted to fit into said socket, and a cutting tip projecting from said rotatable base for engaging and cutting an object, said tooth holder having a base-engaging portion adapted to fit closely adjacent each of the raised sides of said closed-sided tooth socket, such that the raised sides cooperate to secure said tooth assembly and provide resistance during rotation of said cutting device.

9. (original) A cutting device according to claim 8, wherein said tooth sockets are arranged to receive respective tooth assemblies in matched pairs on opposing major surfaces of said rotatable disk.

10. (original) A cutting device according to claim 9, wherein said cutting tip and tooth holder of each matched pair of tooth assemblies and said corresponding tooth sockets define respective axially-aligned openings adapted for receiving an elongated fastener for securing said cutting tip and tooth holder of each matched pair to said rotatable disk.

11. (currently amended) A cutting device according to claim 8, wherein said tooth socket defines a recessed box comprising a generally flat bottom and four upright raised sides.

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12. (original) A cutting device according to claim 11, wherein the base-engaging portion of said tooth holder resides closely adjacent all four sides of said socket.

13. (original) A cutting device according to claim 12, wherein said recessed box is substantially rectangular.

14. (original) A cutting device according to claim 13, wherein said recessed box has a length dimension and a width dimension, said length dimension being greater than 2 times said width dimension.

15. (original) A cutting device according to claim 14, wherein the depth of said tooth socket is greater than 1/16 inches.

16. (cancelled)

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19. (cancelled)

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